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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SECVISIT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - OFFICE AND SLEEPING
ACCOMMODATIONS

REF: STATE 17968

1. WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED INITIAL ROOM ASSIGNMENT PLAN
BASED UPON CAREFUL ADHERENCE TO GUIDELINES SET FORTH REFTEL.
IN DOING SO WE USED BOTH 11TH AND 12TH FLOORS NILE HILTON.
WE MANAGED FILL 11TH FLOOR BUT WERE UNABLE USE APPROX.
10 ROOMS AND ONE SUITE ON 12TH FLOOR. IT IS THESE REMAINING
12TH FLOOR ROOMS WHICH NOW POSE PROBLEM AND FOR WHICH WE
NEED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.

2. NILE HILTON HAS 12 FLOORS CONSISTING OF 40 ROOMS
ON EACH FLOOR, HALF ON NILE SIDE AND HALF FACING TAHRIR
SQUARE. ROOMS ARE REACHED FROM SINGLE, CENTRAL HALL IN
FRONT OF ELEVATORS. HOTEL IS ARRANGED IN SLIGHT WESTWARD
POINTING V WHICH EFFECTIVELY SEPARATES FLOORS INTO NORTH
AND SOUTH WINGS. ONE ELEVATOR BANK IN CENTER OF HOTEL
SERVES ALL FLOORS. THERE ARE 2 EXTERNAL STAIRCASES
AT THE END OF EACH FLOOR. SIZE OF FLOORS AND V-SHAPED
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ARRANGEMENT LIMITS NOISE TRANSMISSION FROM ONE END OF
FLOOR TO OTHER, MAKING EACH WING ESSENTIALLY SEPARATE
UNIT.

3. AS RECOMMENDED WE HAVE PLACED OFFICIAL PARTY, SPECIAL
ASSISTANT'S OFFICE, HOLDING ROOM, SY COMMAND POST AND
SELECTED SECURITY OFFICER BILLETING IN ENTIRE SOUTH WING

OF NILE HILTON'S 12TH FLOOR. IN SOUTH WING OF 11TH FLOOR WE HAVE PLACED SECRETARIAT AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICES, PLUS STAFF AND SY BILLETING. BECAUSE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN BOTH SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICE AND S/S-S, SOUTH WING OF BOTH 11TH AND 12TH FLOOR S NEED TO BE RESTRICTED TO CLEARED PERSONNEL ONLY. VISITOR CONTROL ROOM, PRESS CONTROL ROOM AND PRESS BILLETING NOW SITUATED IN NORTH WING OF 11TH FLOOR. THERE WILL OF COURSE BE NO ACCESS CONTROL TO THIS AREA.)

4. FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT USED NORTH WING OF 12TH FLOOR NOW POSES PROBLEM. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH SECURITY ADVANCE DETAIL WHICH FEELS THAT IT MOST DESIRABLE TO HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF 12TH FLOOR. IN ORDER TO DO SO WE NEED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE. FOLLOWING ARE ALTERNATIVES FOR USE OF EXTRA 12TH FLOOR SPACE.

A. UNUSED ROOMS ARE TURNED BACK TO HOTEL FOR GENERAL USE--- THIS WOULD MEAN THAT PERSONS OF ALL NATIONALITIES STAYING IN THESE ROOMS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEM THROUGH SINGLE 12TH FLOOR ELEVATOR BANK AND WOULD BE COMING AND GOING AT SAME TIME AS SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY. THIS IS LEAST ATTRACTIVE SOLUTION AND NOT ACCEPTABLE TO SY ADVANCE TEAM.

B. DEPARTMENT COULD PAY FOR ENTIRE 12TH FLOOR AND LEAVE ROOMS NOT USED EMPTY.

C PRESS COULD BE PLACED IN UNUSED ROOMS. THIS MIGHT POSE SECURITY PROBLEM, HOWEVER, SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO RESTRICT THEIR ACCESS TO SOUTH WING ROOMS AND OFFICES.

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D. MOVE SECRETARIAT AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICES PLUS STAFF BILLETING TO 12TH FLOOR THIS POSES NO PROBLEM IN TERMS OF NOISE OR INCREASED CORRIDOR TRAFFIC. S/S-S AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICE WOULD BE IN SUITE WHICH IDEALLY CONFIGURED FOR THIS PURPOSE AT OPPOSITE END OF FLOOR FROM OFFICIAL PARTY. ACCESS TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S OFFICE WILL HAVE TO BE ALONG 12TH FLOOR CORRIDOR FROM ELEVATORS EVEN IF S/S-S OFFICE ARE ON 11TH FLOOR BECAUSE EXTERIOR STAIRCASES FROM 11TH FLOOR AT SOUTH END OF BUILDING WILL BE SEALED BY SY DURING VISIT BECAUSE ENTRANCE IS NEXT TO SECRETARY'S SUITE. THESE ARE SAME ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE MADE FOR SEC VISIT IN FEBRUARY 1974 AND WHICH PROVED SATISFACTORY AT THAT TIME.

5. WE RECOMMEND, AND SY CONCURS, THAT S/S-S AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICES AND STAFF BILLETING SHOULD BE MOVED TO 12TH FLOOR (RECOMMENDATION D ABOVE). THIS WOULD LEAVE VISITORS CONTROL ROOMS, PRESS CONTROL ROOM AND PRESS ROOMS ON 11TH FLOOR. LEFTOVER 11TH FLOOR SPACE COULD THEN BE

TURNED BACK TO HOTEL WITH NO ADDITIONAL SECURITY RISK OR EXPENSE TO USG. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THIS NOT ACCEPTABLE, WE BELIEVE THAT NEXT MOST PREFERABLE ARRANGEMENT IS B ABOVE, I.E., PAYING FOR ENTIRE 12TH FLOOR AND LEAVING UNUSED ROOMS EMPTY.

6. FYI: WE HAVE ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF MOVING ONLY STAFF BILLETING TO 12TH FLOOR LEAVING S/S-S OFFICES ON 11TH FLOOR. THIS WOULD MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT EITHER PRESS OR TOURISTS WOULD SURROUND THIS CLASSIFIED AREA AND WE COULD NOT CONTROL ACCESS TO IT ADEQUATELY. END FYI.

7. HOTEL HAS ASKED US TO CONFIRM OUR RESERVATIONS BY FEB. 8. REQUEST THEREFORE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON CONFIGURATION OF 12TH FLOOR BY OPENING OF BUSINESS CAIRO TIME FEB. 8.

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